

<b>MARICOPA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTE BOOK</b>
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**FORMAL SESSION  
July 12, 2006**

The Board of Directors of Maricopa County Library District, Arizona convened in Formal Session at 9:00 a.m., July 12, 2006, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman, District 2; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman, District 1; Andrew Kunasek, District 3; Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager; Bruce White, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

**VIDEO OF FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH'S VISIT TO THE LIBRARY DISTRICT**

Harry Courtright, Director of the Library District, informed the Board that First Lady Laura Bush had recently visited the Valley and had taken time to view the staging, by actors from Child's Play, of an original story, "Tomas and the Library Lady." 'Tomas' began as a children's book and has progressed to a stage play that more than 73,000 children in Maricopa County have seen.

Little Tomas is illiterate and speaks no English when he comes to America as a child but is motivated to go to the library to learn things, and through the "library lady" he does learn to read English and to love books. The book is based on a true story and a real person, Tomas Rivera, who now serves the State of California as the Chancellor of the University of California at Riverside.

Mrs. Bush responded to an invitation from Tim Wadham, Youth Coordinator for the Maricopa County Library District, to visit the Library's presentation of the play. Mr. Wadham serves on the Laura Bush Foundation for Libraries and had been informing the First Lady about this project for some months after learning that a trip to Phoenix had been scheduled for her. Mr. Wadham expressed his thanks and appreciation to the District and to Maricopa County for being in a situation that offered him the opportunity, resources and support to be able to put such a project together, and said it has been an amazing experience.

A video covering the First Lady's visit to the library and scenes from the portrayal of "Tomas and the Library Lady" was shown. As a follow-up, Mr. Wadham related that Mrs. Bush had been "extraordinarily impressed with the play." A week later, at the beginning of her speech to the National Convention of the American Library Association, the First Lady remarked on her experience in seeing the presentation of Tomas. Child's Play had also been invited to the conference to enact the play and it garnered great interest from the attending librarians to learn how they could get copies for their libraries. Mr. Wadham predicted that this project – that started in Maricopa County, will begin to tour nationally and affect children all over the nation during the next few years. (ADM2809)

**PERSONNEL AGENDA**

Motion was made by Director Brock, seconded by Director Wilcox, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the Library District Personnel Agenda (Exhibit D). Exhibit D will be found at the end of this set of minutes.

**APPOINTMENT – LIBRARY DISTRICT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Motion was made by Director Brock, seconded by Director Wilcox, and unanimously carried (5-0) to appoint Mr. Jon Ford, representing Supervisorial District 2, whose term is effective from Board of Supervisors' approval through June 30, 2008. (C0606081900) (ADM2805-001)

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**DONATION**

Motion was made by Director Brock, seconded by Director Wilcox, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the acceptance of a cash donation of \$750 to the Guadalupe Branch Library Summer Reading Program from the Friends of the Robson Branch Library. Approve an amendment the FY 2006-07 budget (Dept. 650, Fund 244) increasing expenditures in the amount of \$750. (C6507001000) (ADM2800-006)

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board